CLIP AND SAVE

- VOTE "YES" ON F...
  ...and recognize domestic partnerships in Colorado
- VOTE "NO" ON THE MARRIAGE BAN...
  ...and stop discrimination from entering the state Constitution
- VOTE "NO" ON THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BAN
  ...and put an end to the agenda to demote same-sex couples to second-class status
- VOTE "YES" ON DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP PROTECTION AMMENDMENT
  ...and counteract the Domestic Partnership Ban

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

COLORADANS FOR FAIRNESS & EQUALITY

www.FairEqual.org

303-860-7325

Pikes Peak Equality Coalition Steering Committee

ACLU, Colorado Springs Chapter
Citizens Project
Gill Action
High Plains Church
InsideOut Youth Services
Just Spirit
Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission
Southern Colorado AIDS Project
All Souls Church

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YOUR GUIDE TO THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP & MARRIAGE BAN INITIATIVES

NOVEMBER 2006 BALLOT

Some of us will come into this world without the legal rights to protect and support our future partner and children. Some of us will be left vulnerable and unprotected when it comes to health care benefits, medical decisions, and naming a guardian. Why?

Because some of us are born gay.

This year, we can help right this wrong...

SUPPORT

✔ Domestic Partnerships

A domestic partnership is a registered legal contract between a same-sex couple that would provide many of the responsibilities that the state now provides to married couples. **These benefits include rights to hospital visitation, health care and pension benefits, property, inheritance, and others**.

- It would eliminate numerous and expensive hurdles for same-sex couples to receive legal protections and responsibilities now automatically granted to straight couples.
- Whether a particular faith community would wish to offer domestic partners the opportunity to receive a blessing, or a commitment ceremony, at a church, synagogue or mosque, would be solely at the discretion of that faith community.
- The best legal contracts are subject to challenge by relatives, and could be overturned in court. The domestic partnership law would end that risk.

✔ Domestic Partnership Protection Amendment

This amendment will ensure that the Domestic Partnerships are not considered marriage in Colorado.

OPPOSE

⊘ Ban on Marriage for Same-sex Couples

A coalition of anti-gay national and statewide groups, including Focus on the Family, is proposing an amendment to the state Constitution that would ban same-sex marriage, which is already banned in Colorado under state law. If passed, for the first time, Colorado would deny basic protections and responsibilities, and codify discrimination in our Constitution.

It doesn't make sense to deny protections to responsible members of society just because they are gay.

- The amendment is not "a definition of marriage;" it is a same-sex marriage ban.
- The amendment adds discrimination to our state Constitution. This amendment denies opportunity to tens of thousands of hard-working, taxpaying, law-abiding Coloradans.
- Banning same-sex marriage will not "strengthen the institution of marriage," prevent one divorce or protect one child in a troubled home.

⊘ Ban on Domestic Partnerships

Not content to enact a Constitutional ban on gay marriage, Will Perkins has proposed a Constitutional amendment to deny legal recognition to any relationship deemed "similar to marriage."

While Domestic Partnerships are dissimilar to marriage, the passage of this amendment will cost the Colorado tax-payers millions of dollars to have it legally defined through the court system.